

Sprint 900 7th Street, NW Suite 700 Washington, DC 20001 Ray Rothermel
Counsel-Legal/Government Affairs
703 433-4220
Ray.Rothermel@Sprint.com

October 22, 2013

Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW, Room TW-A325 Washington D.C. 20554

ATTN: David Furth, Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

Re: Quarterly Progress Report Summarizing the Status of the Voluntary Deployment of a National Text-to-9-1-1 Service Capability (See In the Matter of Facilitating the Deployment of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications, PS Docket No. 11-153; and, In the Matter of Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment, PS Docket No. 10-255.)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As part of the Voluntary Commitment signed by the four largest wireless carriers, Sprint Corporation ("Sprint") hereby voluntarily submits its second quarterly progress report summarizing the status of its voluntary deployment of a national text-to-911 service capability. Due to the federal government shutdown on October 1, 2013, Sprint was unable to voluntarily submit its second quarterly progress report on that date. Consistent with the FCC's October 17, 2013 Public Notice regarding revised filing deadlines following the resumption of normal operations, this report is being voluntarily submitted in a timely manner.²

Sprint continues to support the interim text-to-911 measure as the industry moves toward a more comprehensive next generation 9-1-1 system. As discussed in its first quarterly progress report submitted July 1, 2013, Sprint has fulfilled the commitment to implement a bounce back

¹ See Letter from Terry Hall, APCO International, Barbara Jaeger, NENA, Charles W. McKee, Sprint Nextel, Robert W. Quinn, Jr., AT&T, Kathleen O'Brien Ham, T-Mobile USA, and Kathleen Grillo, Verizon, to Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, and Commissioners McDowell, Clyburn, Rosenworcel and Pai; PS Docket No. 11-153, PS Docket No. 10-255 (Dec. 6, 2012) (the "Voluntary Commitment").

² Revised Filing Deadlines Following the Resumption of Normal Commission Operations, *Public Notice*, DA 13-2025 (Released October 17, 2013).

Marlene H. Dortch October 22, 2013 Page 2

or "auto reply" message to alert subscribers attempting to text an emergency message to instead dial 9-1-1 when text-to-911 is unavailable in that area.

Sprint remains committed to diligently working toward making text-to-911 service available by May 15, 2014. Sprint has preliminarily selected a Text Control Center ("TCC") vendor and is in the process of finalizing the terms of its arrangement with the vendor. We would anticipate that public safety answering points ("PSAPs") will not begin to submit valid individual requests for implementation of the service until after Sprint has publically announced it will make text-to-911 service available. Consistent with the Voluntary Commitment, once Sprint begins offering text-to-9-1-1 service, valid PSAP requests for the service will be implemented within a reasonable amount of time of receiving such request, not to exceed six months.³

Sprint also continues its active participation in standards bodies and industry working groups, as described in its first quarterly progress report, and has been engaged in cooperative efforts with PSAPs across the country. Sprint continues to work with Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Standards ("ATIS") organizations, in further clarifying and defining standards, and continues to participate in the SMS Coordination group chaired by the National Emergency Number Association ("NENA") that is working on public education and processes. Sprint also responded to requests and inquiries from, and cooperated with, the following public safety entities during the period covered by this report: the State of Florida E911 Board; St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana; the Chemung County Office of Emergency Management, New York; Hamilton County, Ohio; and, Bexar Metro 9-1-1, Texas.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this letter is being electronically filed via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System with your office. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ray Rothermel

Ray Rothermel Counsel-Legal/Government Affairs Sprint Corporation

cc: APCO (by e-mail) NENA (by e-mail)

_

³ In accordance with the Voluntary Commitment, a request for service will be considered valid if, at the time the request is made: a) the requesting PSAP represents it is technically ready to receive 9-1-1 text messages in the format requested; and, b) the appropriate local or State 9-1-1 service governing authority has specifically authorized the PSAP to accept and, by extension, Sprint to provide, text-to-9-1-1 service (and such authorization is not subject to dispute).